GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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OBSOLETE EQUIPMENTS IN DD
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Doordarshan cameras and other equipments in the Doordarshan Kendras have become obsolete;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the efforts made by the Government to change the obsolete equipments and cameras and install State-of-the-art equipments and apparatus;

(d) the achievements made by the Government in this regard so far; and

(e) the funds allocated/spent thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) & (d): Modernisation and upgradation of facilities at Doordarshan stations is a continuous process, and schemes in this regard are formulated and implemented from time to time, depending on the availability of resources. Some of the projects completed by Doordarshan to modernise its facilities during the 9th Five Year Plan are as follows:

i) New modern studios at Mumbai, Nagpur and Rajkot;
ii) Digital satellite uplink facilities for DD-1, DD-2, DD News, DD Sports and DD International;
iii) Simulcast uplinking facilties both in digital and analog at Doordarshan Kendras at Mumbai,Calcutta, Chennai, Bangalore, Guwahati and Trivandrum;
iv) New automation facility at Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi.

In addition, State-of-the-art equipment have been provided to a number of Kendras, and some oldtransmitters have been replaced by new ones.

(e): An amount of Rs.123.44 crores has been spent on modernization and replacement schemes of Doordarshan during the first three years of the 9th Plan.